

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of February 7, 2008 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to specify that the operation of the capping mechanism is controlled in accordance with a position of the capper sensed by a sensor of the second portion. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, page 13, lines 21-36 of the present specification; and

dependent claims 2-7 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-7 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by any one or more of Pawlowski, Waller, Silverbrook '908, Silverbrook '242 and *In re Dulberg*, because none of these cited references teach or suggest monitoring the position of a capper of one printer portion to control operation of a capping mechanism of another printer portion, as required by the claimed invention.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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